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SUBJECT: MONTENEGRO: PARLIAMENT RESULTS OFFICIAL

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¶1. (U) Summary: Official preliminary results for the September 10 parliamentary election were announced late on September 12. As reported earlier (ref), the ruling DPS/SDP coalition has an absolute majority, with 41 of 81 seats. End summary.

¶2. (U) Official preliminary results were announced by the Republic Election Commission late on September 12. No appeals to the results are expected, with the opposition parties having already accepted the results. The final results will therefore be unchanged. As the largest opposition coalition, as listed on the ballot, the Serbian List will be the official Leader of the Opposition. See ref for full description of the parties.

3: (U) Results:

List	Percentage of votes	Mandates
DPS-SDP	47.65	41
Serbian List	14.37	12
SNP-NS-DSS	13.79	11
Movement for Changes-PzP	12.87	11
Liberal Party-Bosniak Party	3.69	3
DSCG-PDP	1.26*	1
DUA	1.07*	1
Albanian Alternative	0.77*	1
Civic List	0.84	0
SKJ	0.69	0
Forca	0.64*	0
Democratic Party	0.37	0

* - Ethnic Albanian party, competing for "set-aside" seats.

DPS-SDP: Democratic Party of Socialists (PM Milo Djukanovic), Social Democratic Party
Serbian List: Serbian People's Party (SNS), Radical Party
SNP-NS-DSS: Socialist People's Party, People's Party, Democratic Serbian Party
Movement for Changes: Headed by Nebojsa Medojevic
LP-BS: Liberal Party, Bosniak Party
DSCG-PDP: Democratic League of Montenegro (Mehmet Bardhi)
DUA: Democratic Union of Albanians (Ferhat Dinosa)
SKJ: Communist Party of Yugoslavia

¶4. (U) Distribution of Seats in Parliament:

DPS	33	Democratic Party of Socialists
PzP	12	Movement for Changes

SNS	8	Serbian People's Party
SDP	7	Social Democratic Party
NS	2	People's Party
BP	2	Bosniac Party
LP	1	Liberal Party
Radical	1	Serbian Radical Party - headed by Vojislav
-		Seselj
NSS	1	National Socialist Party - headed by Momir
-		Bulatovic; part of Serbian List
DSJ	1	Democratic Party of Unity - part of Serbian
-		List
HGI	1	Croatian Civic Initiative - in coalition with
-		DPS/SDP
DSS	1	Democratic Serbian Party
DSCG	1	Democratic League of Montenegro
DUA	1	Democratic Union of Albanians
AA	1	Albanian Alternative

Sixteen parties will be in Parliament; only 11 parties were in the last Parliament.

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